

Calgary paid \$1.50 per thousand feet for coal gas when there was no competition. Calgary now pays 35 cents for natural gas.

If Edmonton passes the natural gas franchise and also the coal gas franchise, it will have competition and be sure of the cheapest possible gas.

Vote for the Bylaw Monday
and get Competition!

**Northern Alberta Natural Gas & Development
Company Limited**

ARTIFICIAL GAS PRICES

TORONTO70 to \$1.00
MONTREAL85 to \$1.00
WINNIPEG	\$1.20 to \$1.50
VANCOUVER	\$1.40 to \$2.00
VICTORIA	\$1.75 to \$2.00
LONDON90 to \$1.20
OTTAWA	\$1.10 to \$1.25
QUEBEC	\$1.20 to \$1.50

NATURAL GAS PRICES

HAMILTON	40 cents
BRANTFORD	45 cents
WINDSOR	30 cents
CHATHAM	35 cents
PETROLEA	40 cents
CALGARY	35 cents
LETHBRIDGE	35 cents
EDMONTON	27 cents

The only places in Canada with gas as cheap or cheaper than Edmonton will have, are Medicine Hat and Red Cliffe, where the gas is found within the city limits.

The Case Against the Franchise Seekers

The strongest representation which the franchise seekers are making to the ratepayers of the City of Edmonton is that if the ratepayers on Monday next endorse the agreement conferring upon the Northern Alberta Gas & Development Company a twenty-year exclusive franchise to traffic in natural gas, the Company will be compelled by the terms of the agreement to commence within 60 days, and to complete within two years, a pipe line from the source of supply (wherever that may be) to the city, and a distribution system within the city. Ratepayers are being told that this provision in the contract will assure the expenditure—commencing immediately—of a large sum of money, sufficient to launch unemployment and to bring money instantaneously into circulation.

MR. RATEPAYER: THIS REPRESENTATION IS POSITIVE, LY AND DISTINCTLY NOT TRUE. There is positively no such provision in the contract, and votes secured on such a representation are secured under false pretences. Do not trust such an important matter to the interpretation of stock corporation lawyers and interested parties who would get your votes to the city up to an infamous deal, no matter how. Read the contract for yourself.

Clause 15 says:

"The Company within sixty days after the Council has been authorized by the vote of the burgesses to enter into this agreement, the by-law authorizing the execution thereof and the same has been executed on behalf of the City, will commence drilling operations until wells have been completed capable of supplying an average of twenty million cubic feet per day of twenty-four hours to consumers in the City of Edmonton, and immediately upon the completion of gas wells as aforesaid, or sooner, at the option of the Company, it will commence the construction of a pipe line from the said wells to the City, and will construct a distribution system within the said City for supplying natural gas to the consumers, and will fully complete the said system within nine months from the commencement thereof, (not including winter months), and should the Company, prior to the commencement of the construction of the said pipe line or distributing system, fail to continuously carry on drilling operations for a period of three months for any cause save and except strikes, delays in obtaining material, acts of God or the King's enemies, or other cause or circumstance beyond the control of the Company, the franchise hereby granted shall become null and void and all rights and claims of the parties hereto cease and terminate, and should the Company fail to complete the said pipe line and distributing system within the said period of nine months from the commencement of the construction thereof for any cause save and except strikes, delays in obtaining material, acts of God or the King's enemies, or other cause or circumstance beyond the control of the Company, it shall pay to the City the sum of \$100 per day for each day after the expiration of nine months, (not including winter months), after the Company commences the construction of the said main pipe line from the wells of the Company to the City until the said pipe line and distributing system shall be fully completed, payable at the end of each and every month."

"The Company will have so far complete its pipe lines and distributing system as to be ready to deliver gas to consumers in the City within two years from the final execution hereof on behalf of the City. If it fails to do so the sum of One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars a day shall be payable to the City as liquidated damages for such additional time not exceeding six months as such failure continues, and if such failure continues for more than two years and six months from such final execution hereof all the rights and privileges hereby granted to the Company shall cease and determine."

"Provided that before the time for the commencement of the construction of the said pipe line the City will apply for and use its best efforts to obtain from the Legislature of the Province of Alberta for the Company the right to construct its said pipe line along road allowances and the power to expropriate a right-of-way for the said pipe line across public lands and any delay occasioned by failure to obtain such rights shall not be included in the periods of limitations above mentioned."

The joker in this is too glaringly apparent for anyone who reads to overlook. "The Company will commence drilling" within sixty days, not "commence construction." The time when the Company must "complete construction" is not two years from "now" but two years from the time that the Company secures the necessary legislation from the Province of Alberta. Every ratepayer in the City of Edmonton knows that if it suited the convenience of the franchise grabbers to "stall," this "necessary Legislation" would not get past the private bills committee within the life of the present government. Remember that this is out of your hands the moment you vote on it. You absolutely relinquish control.

The drilling clauses offer no protection whatever. There is absolutely no provision for expeditiousness. It can employ one man for a few days every three months to fulfill the legal interpretation of "drilling" for the twenty million feet, as to the consummation of which supply the Company—not the City—is to be the judge. They name the time when they shall "commence"—not you. What you are being asked to give, is an indefinite option on this franchise, which the franchise grabbers, choosing their own time, may sell when they get a big price.

It is being represented to the ratepayers that the city at the end of twenty years has the right and power to buy the gas Company out, and take over the plant and the system.

MR. RATEPAYER: THIS REPRESENTATION IS POSITIVE, NOT TRUE. Clause 11 of the agreement says:

"The City shall have the right at the expiry of the period of twenty years (20) hereinafter mentioned, and thereafter at the expiry of each successive term of five (5) years, on giving six months' previous notice in writing to the Company, to take over and purchase from the Company all its assets, works and plant within the City, and such of its assets, works and plant outside of the City as are used by the Company, in supplying natural gas to the City and inhabitants thereof, but without the consent of the Company, any assets, works or plant used by the Company in supplying gas to consumers outside the limits of the City, at a price to be determined by the Board of Public Utility Commissioners, or otherwise, if mutually agreed between the said City and the Company."

To read this clause correctly, suppose that this franchise is ultimately passed to the Calgary Gas Company, and that the pipe line is built from that city, supplying Lacombe, Innisfail, Red Deer, Wetaskiwin, etc., the city, under this clause, is blocked from buying the part of the "plant" used by the company in supplying gas to consumers outside the limits of the city. It may buy the distribution system, but it cannot buy the pipe line without the company's consent.

Included in "assets" is the gas in the ground, which, according to the agreement, the company might measure up by cubic yards and charge therefor as the source of supply. Moreover, the city has no rights to purchase the same "without the consent of the company."

Do not be deluded. This is a perpetual franchise. The city has no purchase rights under the franchise which the company is bound to respect.

POWER OF LIFE AND DEATH OVER EVERY INDUSTRY IN THE CITY

This agreement gives the company the absolute power of life and death over almost any industry now established, or to be established, in the city in which fuel is a dominating item in costs. In clause 4 is found this:

"Provided further that the Company shall have the right from time to time to sell gas to the City and to consumers within the city at aforesaid at such other or special rates as may be necessary to meet competition of other fuel or powers but not higher than the rates above specified."

This clause opens the way for the exercise of the rebate and any character of discrimination. A brick yard not in the company's favor could be charged the maximum—say 25 cents for 750,000 feet—while a brick yard allied with the company could be furnished fuel at a nominal rate of one-half cent per thousand feet. What applies in this case applies in every case. No institution upon whose profits the monopoly seeks covetous eyes could stand the onslaught of such unfair competition for one day. In the manufacturing business, Mr. Ratepayer, read this clause again carefully. It may mean bankruptcy for you if the gas franchise with such a villainous deadfall is allowed to pass. The company, under this clause, can render valueless the city's investment in electric power, and finally confiscate the same.

The agreement gives the company an absolute exemption from any franchise or property tax both for the present and for all time. Neither the city, province nor Dominion can collect a cent of Royalty without the same being loaded upon the consumer. Read further in clause 4:

Provided further that if any tax, royalty, rates or charges are at any time hereafter levied or imposed against the Company by any Dominion, Province, Municipality or other authority so that the Company is required to pay any tax, royalty, rate or charge differing in kind from what it would now be required to pay if its works and plant were now fully completed and in operation or differing in degree from that it would so now be required to pay by reason of any special tax, royalty, rate or charge being imposed on account of the nature of the business carried on by the company, the Company shall be entitled to increase the price of gas to consumers thereof above the price above specified so as to provide for such increased tax, royalty, rate or charge.

If you are in the coal business, Mr. Ratepayer, you will realize what this clause is bound to mean. On every ton of coal you mine you must pay the government royalty. There is no escape except via the penitentiary. But this company asks the ratepayers to exempt it from any royalty. It gets the gas for nothing. It "fixes" its own rates in competition with the coal tax. If you as any friend for whom you have an atom of regard has a dollar invested in coal you will beat this agreement so badly that no such thievery will ever be attempted in the City of Edmonton again.

THERE IS NO FAIR WAGE CLAUSE IN THE AGREEMENT.

This agreement makes absolutely no provision for the fair wage clause. Into whatever hands it finally passes, the owners of the franchise are absolutely free to pay no wages. Hindoos are working in the lumber yards of Vancouver today for 75 cents per ten hour shift, while white men, for fairly hard work, get \$1.00 a day. If you are given power to duplicate such conditions here in the city, you are given power by your consent. Mr. Ratepayer, if you depend upon your labor for your bread you will vote this franchise into oblivion, and if other franchise grab who does not guarantee you a living wage.

NO OPPORTUNITY OFFERED FOR COMPETITION.

The deal was issued through the city council at breakneck speed without any pretense of asking for competitive bids. No matter what other gas companies may have been willing to furnish Edmonton with gas, nor on what terms as to price or profit-sharing, there was never a chance afforded them to come into the market and bid for the franchise.

One member of the city council at least is an interested party to the deal, Mr. James Ramsey, as a member of the Industrial Drilling Association, participated in the negotiations by which the Polcan and Viking interests were pooled. He is the registered owner of stock in the Industrial and voted the same at the meeting at which the secret agreement made between the Industrial and the Polcan was ratified. As a party to this agreement he subscribed to this clause in the secret agreement between the Industrial and the Polcan:

1. The Party of the First Part doth hereby covenant, promise and agree to and with the Party of the Second Part as follows:

(a) That (the Industrial) will use its best endeavors and the best endeavors of its officers and members to assist the Party of the Second Part to obtain the right to construct its said pipe line as a franchise (after it has passed the Council) in the name of such person, persons or Company as the Party of the Second Part may designate for the supply of natural gas to the City of Edmonton and the inhabitants thereof on the terms and conditions of the franchise hereto attached as schedule "A" and forming part of this Agreement with such alterations as the Party of the Second Part may agree upon.

A member of the city council, under solemn oath to protect your interests, Alderman James Ramsey, by this agreement, the Company secure from you, the ratepayers of the city of Edmonton, a franchise in behalf of the assigns of the company in which he, as a private citizen, was personally interested. In pursuance of this agreement he went into the council and took the committee of the whole proceedings in which the contract was framed. Today he is before you in the dual capacity of custodian of your interests and beneficiary of the tentative bargain, asking you to believe that there is nothing in its opposition to the two companies which precluded him from securing for you a bargain so favorable that you may safely accept it without examination.

Joseph Pieard, at the time he was elected to the city council and until very recently, did not deny the ownership of a considerable block of Polcan stock. Since public knowledge of the new inwardness of this gas deal has made it apparent that possession of this stock was incompatible with his position of alderman, Mr. Pieard has "transferred" this stock. As to the probable genuineness of this "transfer," you, as ratepayers, must draw your own conclusions.

But when you seek a solicitor to protect you in the framing of a private business deal you do not look up the solicitor for the other fellow to place the matter in his hands.

AN INQUITOUS AGREEMENT.

These are but a few of the iniquities of this agreement. That it is a very dangerous agreement is made evident by the fact that the company's own solicitors, immediately they are caught with the hands in the pie, are quick to attempt to cover up and put right the deadfall and jokers as they are exposed. They have attempted to square themselves on the Thirty-five Cent clause; they are pretending to square themselves on the exclusive features of the franchise; they seek, by putting up a bond, to make you believe—notwithstanding that their franchise dates from the securing of the necessary legislation—that work will be commenced at once.

An agreement which is so bad that the franchise seekers themselves—even before it has been submitted to any kind of legal tests—must caulk it and rewrap it and plaster up the loose joints so as to make it presentable to the public must be altogether too dangerous an agreement for the ratepayers to accept like a cat in the bag.

NOT EXCLUSIVELY A QUESTION OF PUBLIC OWNERSHIP.

The question at issue at this juncture is not exclusively one as to the merits of public ownership. Every believer in public ownership must recognize at once that if this deal is put through, the franchise holders will have placed in their hands the lever by which they can pay loose every municipal utility with the exception of the telephone. The minimum clause affords the opportunity to take the city's power of customers, one at a time, away from the municipal power plant until those remaining will be too few to permit of economical production of power and the enter price finally bankrupt. By the same method the production of adequately priced power for the street railway could be made impossible. Furthermore, other holders for power supply to the city could be forestalled by an exercise of the rights of rebate and discrimination conferred under the franchise as it is now being submitted.

But there is another question which has nothing whatever to do with the merits or demerits of municipal ownership. It is the question of whether or not the city is getting protection, or has any protection whatever, under the deal.

NO COMPETENT EXPERTS CONSULTED, LEGAL OR OTHERWISE.

Remember that there has been no competent legal opinion asked as to whether or not the city's interests are protected under this agreement. The city solicitor's functions are to carry out the will of the aldermen. If the council has not asked him to look up the standing and rating of the company it is not his business to do so. Had such a request been made, the city solicitor would have found from the registrar of joint stock companies that the Alberta Gas and Development Company, which proposes to take over this franchise, has no legal status whatever. Incorporated for \$500,000, it has, up to the present moment, only \$300 of paid up capital. Its incorporators, so far as the records show, are a law student, a clerk and an accountant. Breadstrees does not show one of them was enough to be even seriously considered. The Company, according to the act, is required to file returns showing its board of directors, its managers, its head officers, and all such information as would, in a case such as this, be of use to the public. No such returns are filed. This company is, where it is doing business and how much responsibility may be attached to its representations. No such returns are filed. For failure to make such returns the act names a fine of \$100 a day. The fine for the past three days would have wiped out the paid up capital of the Company. Yet the ratepayers of Edmonton are being solemnly told that this is the company which is going to spend, as Mr. Short says, "a million, or four and one-half—I am not in their confidence." Undoubtedly it is "four and one-half"—dollars.

As an additional failure of the aldermen to protect your interests it is well to note that no gas man of admitted capacity has ever been asked to examine the agreement to discover whether or not the city is protected. The company (1) has not even yet stated from what field it is to draw its supply. It has not explained one item of its proposed finances! There is nothing to show whether the embryo capitalization is to be consistent with the supposed cost of plant, or whether citizens will be called upon to pay indefinitely upon a gigantic overcapitalization. The capitalization mentioned, (four and a half million bonds and eight millions stock) is almost twice as great, remember, as the combined capitalization of all the city's utilities at the present time, and greater than the same are likely to reach during the next decade. The Calgary Gas Company, of which this Alberta Gas Development Company is undoubtedly an illegitimate sister, files no prospectus and has made no report to show at what price its eight millions of common stock was sold. Citizens of Calgary are paying dividends on this stock; but nobody knows where the money went realized from the sale thereof; and nobody knows how much water and how much actual assets is represented in the bonds. It files no statement of earnings; it pays no taxes; it shares no dividends; it dominates the industrial situation in Calgary with the arrogance of a feudal overlord. The Calgary gas millions told to be freed from the deal into which it thoughtlessly entered only a few years ago—a deal which is in every essential respect a counterpart of the deal which it is now being attempted to perpetrate upon Edmonton.

"KILL THIS DEAL!" THE ONLY SAFE COURSE.

Under all the circumstances there is only one safe course to pursue at this juncture, and that is to red this deal and compel the council to take some action which will conserve the interests of the city, either by developing municipal gas when the time is propitious or by offering a properly safeguarded franchise to the highest bidder showing some reasonable financial responsibility.

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Turn Out Monday and Kill This Franchise Grab

for the Government
on every bottle

WILD REJOICING OVER RECAPTURE GREAT FORTRESS

Berlin, Vienna, Prague and Budapest are bedecked with flags for Przemysl.

PRELIMINARY TO DRIVE AIMED AT LENINGRAD

To Impetuous Bravery of Bavarians Who Forced Breach is Due Success of Assault.

Berlin, June 5. (Via London)—The jubilation throughout Germany and Austria-Hungary over the fall of Przemysl is mingled with surprise at the speed with which the campaign against the stronghold was brought to a successful end.

Vienna, Prague and Budapest all have witnessed scenes of the wildest rejoicing over this latest victory of the Austro-Hungarian forces. Thousands of persons fill the streets, alternately singing the German and Austrian national anthems. Almost all the expert observers in Berlin expected a stubborn resistance on the part of the Russian forces in the stronghold, and that the Russians were looking forward to a long siege and that they had endeavored to prepare for it. A correspondent of the *Vossische Zeitung* says the Russians had brought reinforcements into Przemysl from Lemberg and heavy artillery and ammunition from Lublin over the new electric railway.

Press Comment.

The *Morgenpost* says the victory shows that the strength of the Austro-Germans has not been broken and cannot be broken. The *Nord Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung* declares this victory is a story which will go down in history.

Other papers hail the fall of Przemysl as an indication of the end of the Russian dominance in Galicia and proof of eventual victory everywhere. They are particularly gratified that the stronghold fell before the Austro-Germans, instead of before the Russians, as it took the Russians months to capture it.

Preliminary to Lemberg.

Berlin, June 5. (Via London, June 4, 1:51 a.m.)—The quick fall of Przemysl, to which the chief contributing factors were the Austrian 12-inch mortars and the impetuous bravery of the Bavarians, came as no surprise to military circles in Berlin. It was known that, in spite of the desperate exertions of the Russians, General Jurić's army were in no shape to offer a successful resistance. The capture of Przemysl is looked upon as a preliminary in the campaign for Lemberg.

The Russian line is regarded as no longer tenable; the Douner line is already crumbling and the Austro-German army is pushing forward toward a point to the rear of Lemberg and is now barely 25 miles southeast of Lemberg.

The fall of Przemysl was due to the breach driven into the circle of forts from the north by the Bavarian troops. The gap opened by the capture of the works was almost five miles wide and the Russians, utterly unable to resist the pressure. The action by nightfall Wednesday had been driven back to the outskirts of the city itself. The other forts of the fortress were exposed to attack from the rear as well as the front and by the end of Thursday both forts and walls were reduced to Austrian rule.

Stragglers Captured.

The Austrians at Przemysl, according to reports received here, comprised at least two divisions of infantry, including regular line troops and newly raised imperial militia. The capture included a large number of stragglers and unorganized soldiers.

No report has yet been received as to the amount of artillery and stores captured, but it is thought that there was much artillery because most of the Russian siege guns used in investing Przemysl were mounted in the reconstructed fortress, only a small part having been sent to the Carpathians after the capture of the fortress by the Russians.

A general school holiday has been proclaimed throughout Germany for Friday.

**GERMANY HAS DEMANDED
ITALY PAY INDEMNITY**

Paris, June 4.—5:45 a.m.—A demand for indemnity for damage done by German property in Milan during the invasion of Italy has been addressed by Germany to the Italian government through the Swiss legation at Rome, says a Vienna dispatch to the *Matin*.

SWITZERS WILL STAND.

Basle, June 4.—Premier Buet this morning informed a delegation of prominent hand weavers that the Swiss principle was strongly established in the province and would not be changed.

Register or lose a vote.

SALT LAKE BELLES AT PANTAGES NEXT WEEK



DISMISSES BANK'S ACTION WITH COSTS

Judge Crawford Decides in Favor of Mrs. Hawkins in \$400 Suit.

Judge Crawford has given a decision in the case of the Bank of Nova Scotia vs. Greina H. Hawkins, dismissing the action with costs. This was an action over a note for \$100 which the husband of the defendant signed under power of attorney. In giving judgment Judge Crawford said that the facts disclosed were that the defendant's husband and his brother were engaged in farming operations on a farm purchased by the husband for \$10,000, in which the husband had paid \$100, presumably some of the money he, in a moral sense, had stolen from his wife. The farm was registered in his wife's name and he had thereby placed on her shoulders a liability of \$10,000. The defendant, when these business transactions had

taken place, was but newly married and was just come of age. She had not taken other advice but had relied fully on her husband and the judge claimed that he had betrayed her confidence quite as utterly as she had confided in him. He had stolen \$4,200 of \$5,000, the proceeds of life insurance paid the defendant on the death of her father, and after living with the defendant for only a short time had deserted her and her infant child. The father had died in Hallowell, and the defendant had gone there shortly afterwards, but before going had given her husband power of attorney to draw money from the bank. On October 8, 1914, the defendant's husband had given a note to the bank under this power of attorney, presumably to get money to pay the harvest hands' wages, but which the judge thought had been used for himself personally, and that when the note was given, the bank was aware that the power of attorney was only a limited one, and that as the defendant retained no control for the money, she could not be held responsible, particularly as the power of attorney did not give to the husband the privilege of pledging the credit of the defendant.

The men then scrambled on the

WELSH TRAWLER DIDN'T STOP SO SUBMARINE SHELLS HER

Member of Crew of the Victoria Tells of the Kind of War Germany is Waging on Non-Combatant Fishermen—Captain Was Killed and Several Others of Crew Maimed.

London, June 4.—A member of the crew of the Welsh trawler *Victoria*, sunk by a German submarine Tuesday, named Huddleston, was seriously injured. Several men on board the *Victoria* were killed by shells from the submarine. In an interview at Milford, Huddleston said the submarine, the U-24, about five o'clock Tuesday evening, within the Victoria was 125 miles off at, Anne Head, fired at the trawler. The men on board heard the shot but thought it came from a netted boat which was engaged with a submarine. Then a shot came and smashed a small boat, and the crew realized that the submarine was after the trawler. A boy of 13 years was put on the bridge so that the members of the crew could lead a life raft together for use in case of necessity.

Another shot, according to Huddleston, struck the bridge, killing the boy. Then the skipper came forward and was talking to a member of the crew when a shell killed both of them.

Huddleston says that he was taking a cup of water to a wounded man when a shell struck him on the arm and head, and still another shell blew off the legs of the mate and killed two other men.

The men then scrambled on the


raft and the submarine, coming up, pulled them on board. The officer of the submarine, according to Huddleston, told them if they had stopped they would not have been hurt. The fishermen were kept on the submarine all night and the following morning were put aboard a small boat belonging to another trawler. The submarine crew then boarded the *Victoria* and sank her with a bomb.

Huddleston says he and his companions were treated well aboard the submarine. They were adrift in the boat 24 hours in rough weather. They were picked up by the steamer *Blattler* and landed in Milford.


**HAVE INEXHAUSTIBLE
SUPPLY OF AMMUNITION**

London, June 4.—The *Morning Post's* Foreign correspondent comments on the fact that the Germans seem to have an almost inexhaustible supply of all important ammunition. By this alone, he says, they were enabled to make a second assault on the Russians, whose tactical dispositions apparently were more cautious.

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Do Not Be Deceived

The Northern Alberta Natural Gas and Development Co. know that their proposed Agreement is unfair to the Citizens. In desperation they have already tried to patch it up, and are attacking the Coal Industry so as to confuse the issue.

The Gas Company say they welcome Competition, We challenge them to strike out the the exclusive feature of their contract, and allow competition with other natural gas

The issue is not Coal vs. Gas, but the unfair deal which the Citizens are having put over them by this Gas Company

Your Vote Against this By-Law on Monday will demand that the Council ask for tenders on this gas franchise.

"Until death do us part"

Yes sir, and even after passing beyond, it will be a credit to your memory to have provided for wife and children.

Then this question squarely, Then if a sudden summons comes, you will answer it more cheerfully if wife and little ones are properly protected.



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FARMERS' RICE MARKET.
The following prices were quoted on the farmers' market, here, today: Rice, 100 lbs. 25c; 50 lbs. 12c; 25 lbs. 6c; 10 lbs. 2c; 5 lbs. 1c; 2 lbs. 50c; 1 lb. 25c; 1/2 lb. 12c; 1/4 lb. 6c; 1/8 lb. 3c; 1/16 lb. 1c; 1/32 lb. 50c; 1/64 lb. 25c; 1/128 lb. 12c; 1/256 lb. 6c; 1/512 lb. 3c; 1/1024 lb. 1c; 1/2048 lb. 50c; 1/4096 lb. 25c; 1/8192 lb. 12c; 1/16384 lb. 6c; 1/32768 lb. 3c; 1/65536 lb. 1c; 1/131072 lb. 50c; 1/262144 lb. 25c; 1/524288 lb. 12c; 1/1048576 lb. 6c; 1/2097152 lb. 3c; 1/4194304 lb. 1c; 1/8388608 lb. 50c; 1/16777216 lb. 25c; 1/33554432 lb. 12c; 1/67108864 lb. 6c; 1/134217728 lb. 3c; 1/268435456 lb. 1c; 1/536870912 lb. 50c; 1/1073741824 lb. 25c; 1/2147483648 lb. 12c; 1/4294967296 lb. 6c; 1/8589934592 lb. 3c; 1/17179869184 lb. 1c; 1/34359738368 lb. 50c; 1/68719476736 lb. 25c; 1/137438953472 lb. 12c; 1/274877906944 lb. 6c; 1/549755813888 lb. 3c; 1/1099511627776 lb. 1c; 1/2199023255552 lb. 50c; 1/4398046511104 lb. 25c; 1/8796093022208 lb. 12c; 1/17592186044416 lb. 6c; 1/35184372088832 lb. 3c; 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VOTE FOR GAS ON MONDAY

BECAUSE Natural Gas is the **CHEAPEST** fuel there is. Compare it with coal; compare it with artificial gas, or any other form of fuel—and the consumer's pocket-book benefits every time.

BECAUSE the housewives of Edmonton will benefit. Gas means **ECONOMY** in house-keeping. Dinners can be cooked for the low cost of one cent, and other expenses are in a like proportion.

BECAUSE natural gas is a **CONVENIENCE** in cooking and in heating the house. No more back breaking through having to carry coal and ashes from the cellar. Gas does away with nine-tenths of the **HARD WORK** in the kitchen and basement—in cooking and keeping the house warm—and leaves only the pleasure of house-keeping.

BECAUSE men and women who have lived in eastern cities and have used **ARTIFICIAL** gas at high prices, **KNOW** by actual experience the convenience of gas. **NATURAL** gas is cheaper both in price and in its heating efficiency. Every man and woman who has ever used gas before is **IN FAVOR** of getting gas into Edmonton as quickly as possible.

BECAUSE the **ALL-GAS** kitchen is putting the work of house-keeping on a scientific basis. Business men constantly are searching for new methods that will make their work easier and more efficient. Why shouldn't the women also carry on the business of house-keeping—the greatest business of all time—in the easiest, most economical and efficient way—**THE ALL-GAS KITCHEN WAY?**

BECAUSE there is no dirt when **NATURAL GAS** is used. You all remember with a shudder the days when you got in your supply of coal! Coal dust everywhere! Furniture, floors, carpets and curtains ruined. And then, all winter long, the dust from ashes—**COAL** ashes. Why not do away with all this dust and dirt by using **NATURAL GAS?**

BECAUSE fire risks are **LESS** when **GAS** is used. No more danger of overheated stoves, chimneys and pipes setting fire to homes. The gas heats only the spot directly under the pot or pan or boiler. When **COAL** is used, three-quarters of the heat is wasted in making the stove red hot, in escaping up the chimney.

BECAUSE work will be started **WITHIN SIXTY DAYS** from the time the contract is signed.

BECAUSE GAS COOKING means prompt meals. Turn on the gas, and your stove is all ready to start work. No more hours wasted in waiting for the fire to burn up.

BECAUSE it will cost only **A FEW DOLLARS** to instal gas piping and appliances in your home. The coal men say it will cost from \$200 to \$300. This is only said to frighten you. The service pipe need only be 18 inches underground and the cost should not exceed 15 cents a foot for pipe and labor. This work you will have done by your own plumber. The gas company is not selling any supplies or piping any houses or private lots. Call up your plumber and **FIND OUT FOR YOURSELF HOW LITTLE IT WILL COST.**

BECAUSE the passing of the agreement will mean the expending of outside capital in Edmonton and Northern Alberta. The system will cost about four and one-half millions of dollars. **EDMONTON WILL BENEFIT** by the expenditure of this money.

BECAUSE it will mean **WORK FOR MANY MEN** at a time when work is scarce. The laying of the distribution system and pipe line will be started as soon as the material can be secured.

BECAUSE the company guarantees an early commencement of operations. A bond for \$100,000 has been posted with the city. This amount of money **WILL BE FORFEITED** if work is not started **WITHIN SIXTY DAYS.**

BECAUSE the franchise is exclusive for **NATURAL GAS ONLY.** The city may grant a franchise for the supply and distribution of **ARTIFICIAL** gas at any time it pleases and to anyone whom it pleases.

BECAUSE the agreement is endorsed by a majority of the city council, by the Edmonton Property Owners Association and by the Edmonton Industrial Association—everyone of them composed of hard-headed business men. They **KNOW** the many benefits **THEY** and **THE CITY** will derive by the use of **NATURAL GAS.**

BECAUSE it will mean the first real step in the opening up of the natural resources of the North Country. For years Edmonton **HAS BEEN WAITING** for the development of the great natural resources of the north. Here is the opportunity to **START THE WORK**, with **DIRECT BENEFIT** to **EDMONTON.**

BECAUSE the price is **FAIR AND REASONABLE.** In all Canada only two other places—Medicine Hat and Red Cliff, where the gas is found within the city limits—have a cheaper rate.

BECAUSE the city has waited **LONG ENOUGH** for gas. The first franchise was voted on in 1903—fifteen years ago—and still Edmonton is without the cheapest form of fuel in the world. The argument then was, "Wait, and something better may turn up." That is one argument today. Men who have spent their life in **WAITING FOR SOMETHING BETTER** have ended their days in the poor house. The man—or city—that seizes the present opportunity is the man that succeeds. If you wait now, for gas, Edmonton ten years from now probably still will be discussing whether or not some proposed agreement is "good enough."

BECAUSE if the company is not delivering gas to the consumers within two and one-half years it loses its franchise. We **MUST "deliver the goods" OR LOSE EVERYTHING.**

BECAUSE local men—men whom hundreds of you have known as **HONEST, RESPONSIBLE, BUSINESS MEN**—are behind this company, will be on the board of directors, and will carry out their promises.

BECAUSE the Bank of Montreal, one of the strongest financial institutions in Canada, has assured the mayor and council that the company is in a position, financially, to carry out its agreement.

BECAUSE it is opposed by the coal men. This is one of the **STRONGEST ARGUMENTS IN OUR FAVOR** and in favor of natural gas. The coal men fear their industry will suffer. Why? Because natural gas is a **CHEAPER FUEL** than coal and so householders and housewives will use it in preference.

BECAUSE the only other people who are opposing it are those who have personal ends to serve.

BECAUSE this is a **BUSINESS PROPOSITION** that will, and has, borne the fullest investigation. It has been investigated with a microscope during the past fortnight and all serious criticism now has died away.

BECAUSE every objection of our opponents has been fairly and squarely met, and fair-minded, common-sense citizens all over Edmonton know this and admit it.

Remember Our investment is worthless unless our service pleases you and our prices prove more economical than coal. This does not cost **YOU** or the **CITY** one penny.

VOTE FOR GAS ON MONDAY

**Northern Alberta Natural Gas & Development Company
LIMITED**

RATEPAYERS ATTENTION

Read This and Mark The Difference

Two Agreements-A Contrast

There are two proposals before the Ratepayers of Edmonton for the Supply of Gas **one to be voted on by the Citizens on Monday and another to be considered by the Council the following day.** It is vital that the Ratepayers should know the nature of these two proposals, and should understand clearly the difference between them, if a vote is to be taken that will be in the best interests of the city. Every Ratepayer should closely observe the contrast between the two proposals.

THE NEW PROPOSAL

MADE BY

**H. A. Lovett, K.C., Senators
Curry and Mackay**

The principals of the Company are men of known financial standing: Senator Nathaniel Curry, Senator Mackay and H. A. Lovett, Esq., K.C., of Montreal.

The Company propose to manufacture gas from coal, thereby stimulating instead of injuring the coal industry.

The Company is prepared to give the City a proportion of the profits, amounting to 50 per cent., that may accrue from the sale of gas above a legitimate eight per cent. interest on the capital invested.

The City will be represented on the Board of Directors, and thereby be in a position to look after the interests of the gas consumers.

The fertilizer, dye and paint industries, the chemical industry, spring naturally from the manufacture of gas from coal. The by-products of a gas plant make possible the development of lines of agriculture manufacture in which many of Edmonton's citizens can be employed.

The Northern Alberta Natural Gas and Development Company's PROPOSAL

The names of the principals of this Company are shrouded in mystery.

The source from which the gas will be obtained is also concealed.

The City will in no way participate in the profits of the Company, these going entirely to the speculators.

Natural gas will mean a minimum of employees in gas production, and these will reside at the wells, far removed from the city.

The City is not assured of any voice in the administration of the affairs of the Company, although the citizens are invited to contribute the most valuable of the assets of the Company—the exclusive franchise.

Edmonton's citizens may suffer in loss of their means of livelihood as the result of a loosely-drawn agreement making cut-throat competition possible. It is manifest that the Natural Gas Company have power to sell gas below cost so as to drive the coal dealers from the field, and then recoup themselves from the consumer when competing coal is no longer sold.

There will be no new industries as the result of by-products, as in the case of the other proposal.

In view of these differences, revealed in a contrast of the two proposals, the **Ratepayers should turn down the Bylaw on Monday and force the Council to reopen negotiations making for a fair proposal** based on the favorable clauses quoted in the new proposal.

